

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transfer of an IP packet over a path from a sender over a radio access network to a mobile host, comprising:

examining, when a home agent receives an incoming data packet determined for ~~at~~the mobile host with a destination address, if there is a match between the destination address of the packet and a subnetwork address of a foreign agent listed in a list of subnetwork addresses stored at the home agent ~~(HA)~~; and

examining, if there is a match between the destination address and ~~at~~the subnetwork address of a foreign agent, whether a preconfigured label switched path from the home agent to the foreign agent exists and sending the packet to the foreign agent on the preconfigured label switched path if a label switched path to the foreign agent exists.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the home agent sends the packet to the foreign agent on the preconfigured label switched path by sending the packet over a port of a forwarding interface of the home agent which port is used for the path with the path number.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the home agent examines if there is a match between the destination address of the packet and a subnetwork address of a foreign agent if there is an entry in a binding cache of the home agent which entry corresponds to the destination address of the incoming packet.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a handover of a mobile host from one foreign agent to an other foreign agent is done without creating or modifying a path between the foreign agent and a home agent of the mobile host.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the preconfigured label switched path is a preconfigured, statically administered, multipurpose label switched path.
6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the functional entities of mobile IP and multipurpose label switching ~~MPLS~~ are co-located but not correlated in a foreign agent.
7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a foreign agent and a home agent are packet switched nodes of an IP network.
8. (canceled)